

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:922
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SETTING UP OF MANALI- LEH RAILWAY LINK
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have decided to set up Manali-Leh railway link;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways have initiated detailed survey for the work;
- (d) if so, the steps taken so far; and
- (e) the details of estimated expenditure, time frame and fund sharing for this project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. R.VELU)

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c)&(d): A Reconnaissance Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for construction of new rail line connecting Bilaspur to Leh (via Kullu and Manali) has been sanctioned.
- (e): Does not arise at this stage.